

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 15 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 shows a perspective illustration of a distribution device 1 according to the invention. The illustrated distribution device 1 has two connection modules 2, with the lower connection module 2 being illustrated without a housing rear wall. The connection modules 2 are latched onto round rods 3 via snap-action elements which cannot be seen. The connection modules 2 each have eight plug connectors 4, a supply voltage connection 5 and an SDH/SONET transport interface 6 for at least one optical waveguide. Furthermore, the distribution device 1 has two or more distribution board connection modules 7, with the upper distribution board connection module 7 having coaxial plug connectors 8 as output contacts while, in contrast, the ~~upper~~lower distribution board connection modules 7 have insulation-displacement terminal connecting strips 9 as output contacts. The distribution board connection modules 7 are illustrated in the lower area without any housings, so that it is possible to see a printed circuit board 10, which is arranged in the interior of the distribution board connection module 7 and onto which the insulation-displacement terminal connecting strips 9 are plugged. A plug connector 11 is arranged on the opposite side of the printed circuit board 10. In this case, the plug connector 11 forms a plug connection with the plug connector 4.